

AGENDA Criminal Law Bench Bar Conference U.S. District Court, Texas Eastern Center for American & International Law Plano, TX

Thursday, February 26, 2015

6:15 p.m.

Chief Judge's Dinner

- Chief Judge Clark and Judge Edward Prado

12:00 noon	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Opening of Conference - Chief Judge Ron Clark, Pat Black, Malcolm Bales
1:30 p.m.	 U.S. Sentencing Commission: Presentation Re: Relevant Conduct, Criminal History and Multiple Counts, Supreme Court & Fifth Circuit Updates and Recent Guideline Amendments Alan Dorhoffer, Deputy Director, Office of Education, U.S. Sentencing Commission
3:30 p.m.	Break
4:00 p.m.	Fifth Circuit CJA Voucher Processing Standards, eVoucher Implementation (breakout session for Judges and CJA Panel Attorneys) - U.S. Circuit Judge Edward Prado - Joe St. Amant, Chief Circuit Mediator
4:00 p.m.	AUSA Briefing (breakout session for AUSAs) - Malcolm Bales, U.S. Attorney, Alan Jackson, Criminal Division Chief
4:00 p.m.	AFPD Briefing (breakout session for AFPDs) - Pat Black, Federal Public Defender
5:00 p.m.	Social Hour



Friday, February 27, 2015

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Texas Eastern Criminal Docket; Statistics and Trends (DOJ's Smart on Crime Initiative, Plea and Discovery Practice, Clemency, Rule 35 Tips)

- Malcolm Bales, U.S. Attorney

- Pat Black, Federal Public Defender

9:30 a.m. Effective Advocacy and Practice Tips in the Criminal Pretrial Process (Panel Discussion)

Judge Roy Payne (Moderator)

- Judges Don Bush, Zack Hawthorn and Nicole Mtichell

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Effective Advocacy and Practice Tips in Criminal Cases (Panel Discussion)

Pat Black (Moderator)

- Judges Jane Boyle (TXN), Leonard Davis, Marcia Crone, John Love

11:45 a.m. Closing Remarks

Chief Judge Clark

12:00 p.m. Conclusion of Conference

